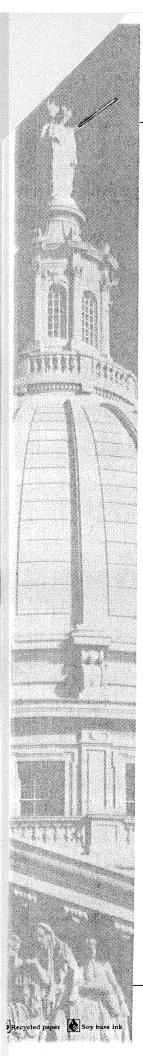
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## Daniel P. Vrakas Wisconsin State Representative

Chair: Assembly Committee on Labor & Employment Majority Caucus Vice-Chair

September 7, 1995

To:

Assembly Housing Committee

From:

Representative Daniel P. Vrakas

Re:

Manufactured Housing - AB 510

I have introduced this piece of legislation on behalf of the Wisconsin Manufactured Housing Association. AB 510 relates to standards for pier construction of new manufactured homes. This legislation will allow the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations (DILHR), to promulgate rules that specify minimum installation standards for piers of new manufactured homes.

According to DILHR, manufactured housing comprises approximately 25% of the new homes in Wisconsin. Currently, there is no standard for the installation of pier foundations. While over 4,000 new homes are being made and installed annually, anyone can be hired to install them.

Neither DILHR, HUD nor local inspectors play a role in the pier installation or oversight. According to DILHR records, installation issues are at the core of 85% of the complaints they receive. The Department, in the enclosed memo, indicates their support for the adoption of an installation code.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you for taking the time to consider this proposal and I urge you to vote in favor of AB 510.

## terOffice Memo

Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations

Date:

May 16, 1995

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To:

Secretary Carol Skornicka

From:

Mary Roshell MgC

Subject:

Manufactured Housing Installation

Manufactured Housing comprises about 25% of the new homes in Wisconsin. Currently there is no standard for the installation of pier foundations. This is of concern to both the industry and consumers. The Uniform Dwelling Code applies to basements, but not pier installations. This department feels adoption of an installation code is in the best interests of everyone concerned.

We support the language proposed by the Wisconsin Manufactured Housing Association that addresses this issue.